

EXHIBIT A



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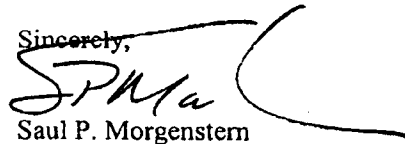
Re: *In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average
Wholesale Price Litigation*, MDL No. 1456 (PBS)(D.Mass)
Subpoenas to First DataBank, Inc. and Patricia Kay Morgan

Dear Mr. Kern:

We are counsel to Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, one of the defendants in the referenced litigation. Pursuant to your agreement with Steven Edwards of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, we are enclosing the following:

- (1) a subpoena for documents directed to First DataBank, Inc. (FDB"); and
- (2) a subpoena for deposition testimony directed to Patricia Kay Morgan.

Thank you for accepting service on behalf of your client FDB and its employee Ms. Morgan. As Steve Edwards explained to you in your discussions with him about the enclosed subpoenas, and as is reflected in your March 10, 2004 letter to him, the defendants are seeking at this time only to take discovery of FDB and Ms. Morgan with respect to FDB's reporting of Average Wholesale Prices ("AWPs"), and the relationship between those prices and Wholesale Acquisition Cost ("WAC") in and around 2002. To that end, we plan to review in advance of Ms. Morgan's deposition any documents FDB is able to provide that will shed light on that subject, as well as Ms. Morgan's prior testimony regarding how FDB generally determines what AWPs to report, in order to make her deposition as efficient as possible. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Saul P. Morgenstern

Enclosures
Copies to all Counsel of Record (by Verilaw)



AO 88 (Rev. 1/94) Subpoena in a Civil Case

Issued by the
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL CASE

In re PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
 AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION

CASE NUMBER:
 MDL No. 1456
 Civil Action No. 01-12257-PBS
 U.S.D.C. District of Massachusetts

TO: MS. PATRICIA KAY MORGAN
 c/o Perkins Coie
 180 Townsend Street, 3rd Floor
 San Francisco, CA 94107-1909

☐ YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below to testify in the above case.

PLACE OF TESTIMONY	COURTROOM
	DATE AND TIME

☒ YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above case.

PLACE OF DEPOSITION Perkins Coie 180 Townsend Street, 3 rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94107-1909	DATE AND TIME April 13, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
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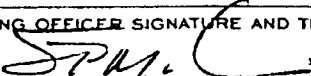
☐ YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection and copying of the following documents or objects at the place, date, and time specified below (list documents or objects):

PLACE	DATE AND TIME
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☐ YOU ARE COMMANDED to permit inspection of the following premises at the date and time specified below.

PREMISES	DATE AND TIME
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Any organization not a party to this suit that is subpoenaed for the taking of a deposition shall designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who consent to testify on its behalf, and may set forth, for each person designated, the matters on which the person will testify. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 30(b)(6).

ISSUING OFFICER SIGNATURE AND TITLE (INDICATE IF ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT)  , Attorney for Defendant Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation	DATE March 17, 2004
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ISSUING OFFICER'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
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(See Rule 45, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Parts C & D on Reverse)



PROOF OF SERVICE

DATE

PLACE

SERVED

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MANNER OF SERVICE

SERVED BY (PRINT NAME)

TITLE

DECLARATION OF SERVER

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in the Proof of Service is true and correct.

Executed on

DATE

SIGNATURE OF SERVER

ADDRESS OF SERVER

Rule 45, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Parts C & D:

(c) PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENAS.

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fee.

(2) (A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3) (A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

- (i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;
- (ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 100 miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except that, subject to the

provisions of clause (c)(3)(B)(iii) of this rule, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held, or

- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) If a subpoena

- (i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or
- (ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or
- (iii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial, the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena, or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA.

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.
